

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 752  
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachael French, 2006  
Valedictorian of Big Sandy High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachael French is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Big Sandy High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Rachael French has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. French has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable athlete, Rachael is a member of Big Sandy's varsity basketball and softball teams; she received the Big Sandy Scholar Athlete Award, Most Improved in Basketball Award, Most Improved in Softball Award, Most Promising in Basketball Award, Best Offense in Basketball Award, Best Rebounder in Basketball Award, and the Best Free-Throw Percentage in Basketball Award; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Ms. French is an active member of her church, where she has served as a member of the Youth Group and the Youth Choir; she has volunteered in her church's Live Nativity Scene, Back Yard Bible School, and Back to School Bash; and

WHEREAS, devoted to helping the less fortunate, Ms. French participated in mission trips to Brazil and Memphis, Tennessee, and she has also served as a counselor for Children's Camp; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, she received the Outstanding Student Award, the Big Sandy Youth Leadership Award, and the Youth Bible Drill 6 Year Award; she was also named as the 2005-2006 Basketball Homecoming Queen, the Most Dependable Junior English Student, and the Most Outstanding Pre-Calculus Student; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and many talents to numerous scholastic organizations and activities, Rachael French is a member and past President of the Big Sandy Youth Leadership Club, a member and Secretary of the Beta Club, a member and Co-President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of the LEO Club, a member of the Big Sandy Chorus, a member of the Spanish Club, a member of the Art Club, a member of the Biology II Club, and a member of the Benton County Youth Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, she has also participated in Student Congress On Policies in Education, the Scholastic Competition at the State Beta Convention, and the Spanish Bowl at the University of Martin; and

WHEREAS, Rachael French's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. French's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Richard and Tammy French, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rachael French's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Big Sandy High School Valedictorian, Rachael French, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.